Rex Sings No More To 'My Fair Lady'

LONDON (AP)—Rex Harrison said farewell Saturday to "My Fair Lady."

Visibly saddened as he bowed out of the musical version of George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion," the 51-year-old British actor refused to make a curtain speech. He shook his head sorrowfully while the London audience roared "Bravo, bravo . . . speech, speech."

Backstage afterward, he said:

"I was determined not to make a speech. Really though, there was nothing much you could have said. Anyhow, I expect the audience was ready to leave the theatre."

Harrison said he did not know how many performances he had done as Professor Henry Higgins.

"All I know," he went on, "is that I've done the part about three years and three months . . . at least I think I have."

He said he was deeply touched by something the cast did at the end. Julie Andrews—the Eliza Doolittle of the musical—gave him a smacking big kiss before the audience, and then the entire cast broke into applause.

"That was very touching," said Harrison. "They must have rehearsed it."

Then brightening, he added: "You know, I haven't given my last performance in My Fair Lady. Don't you remember? I've promised to do it for television in America someday."

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Tribute Touches Harrison

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Operatic 'Jewel' This Week

Among featured players in light opera "The Jewel of Loodipoor" are, from left, Laura Miller as Sally, Veronica Hutchings as the Duchess and Leona Stanley as Nada. The show runs Thursday and Friday at Oak Bay Junior High School, with curtain at 8.15 p.m.

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What's Next

Wednesday—Grand Ole Opry, Memorial Arena, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Friday—Victoria Light Opera Company presents "The Jewel of Loodipoor," Oak Bay Junior High School, 8.15 p.m.

Friday, Saturday—Vocalist Doreen Williams, "The Scene," 1306 Wharf Street, 10.30 p.m.

April 5, 6—Victoria Symphony Orchestra final concert, Royal Theatre, 3 p.m. (5th) and 8.30 p.m. (6th).

Ambulance Bingo Tuesday

Another giant bingo is to be staged by Sidney Kinsmen Club in its $5,000 campaign to purchase an emergency ambulance for the North Saanich area. Event will take place at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Sanscha Hall, Sidney.

More than $1,000 in prizes will be distributed to winners among an anticipated 1,200 players at the game.

About $1,000 has so far been raised by the club towards purchase of the ambulance, which will be operated by the Sidney and North Saanich Volunteer Fire Department.

Sidney, Belmont Host U.S. Band

Sidney's SANSCHA Hall and Belmont High School are to be hosts to the band of Oak Harbor High School in Washington.

With a roster of about 60, the student band will play at Sidney on Monday and at Belmont High School on Tuesday, both concerts starting at 8 p.m.

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2. Monsanto Competition (Paintings for Christmas Carols).
3. Oils from B.C. Society of Artists.

PROGRAMS

Friday, 12.30—
Recorded Music Concert.

GENERAL NEWS

1. Tea room now open—Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday—2.00 to 4.30 p.m.
2. 9th Annual Jury Exhibition of Paintings. Entry forms now available, to Vancouver Island artists, at Gallery. Paintings must be submitted by April 16.
3. Rummage Sale—May 8. Contributions at Gallery anytime.
4. Children's and adults' painting classes. Spring season opens week of April 6. Enrollments now accepted.

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The Entertainment Parade

By Bert Binney

Bearcat Replaces Lamb

If March came in like a lion, entertainment-wise, it is departing like a meek little lamb. April, on the other hand, looks like a busy bearcat for the theatregoer.

This week's calendar offers three attractions, starting on Wednesday evening with the one-night stand of radio's old-time Grand Ole Opry at Memorial Arena at 8 p.m. Heading the cast is popular comedienne Minnie Pearl.

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On Thursday and Friday, Victoria Light Opera Company presents Mme. Winifred Lugrin Fahey's "The Jewel of Loodipoor." Production, under Don Ross of the Theatre Guild, is at 8.15 each evening at Oak Bay Junior High School. Sponsors are the BPOE and proceeds go to the Purple Cross Fund for crippled children in Canada.

This is an interesting tale of superstition with liberal spikings of romance. Peggy Walton Packard is the captivating Eleanor who inadvertently triggers all the subsequent goings-on. George Espin is Alib, a dignified high priest. Other members of the cast include Veronica Hutchings as the duchess, Laura Miller as Sally, Leona Hanley as Nada, Bill Fahey as the prince, Ian Willox as Peter and Bill Patterson as Sindar.

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The Progressive Artists present Vancouver singer Doreen Williams at The Scene, 1306 Wharf Street, Friday and Saturday, starting at the usual 10.30 p.m.

The well-known Chris Gage trio is among future attractions to be brought in by the busy Progressive Artists.

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Revised and approved program of the Southern Vancouver Island drama festival, which opens on April 15, is as follows:

April 15—"Wayside War" (St. Luke's Players), "Prisoner of Love" (Fireside Players of Metropolitan United Church)), "The Chairs" (Intimate Stage.)

April 16—"Before the Flood" (Theatre Guild), "The Return of Chandra" (St. Andrew's Cathedral Players), "The Bear" (Columbine Club), "The Happy Journey" (Royal Jubilee Hospital student nurses' drama club.)

April 17 — "The Anniversary" (Fireside Players), "Suspicion" (Peninsula Players), "East of Eden" (St. Luke's.)

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The annual folk festival takes place this year April 10 and 11 at Oak Bay Junior High School. There are to be three concerts, one each evening at 8 p.m. and one matinee performance on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Craft exhibits will be open for inspection an hour before curtain time.

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A new dramatic group has been formed in Victoria.

The St. Matthias' Little Theatre Society has Frank Allen as president, Veronica Thomas as secretary-treasurer, and Vera Trueman and Jerry Sadler as committee members.

There will be a general meeting on Tuesday at 8 p.m. to cast two one-act plays for presentation in May. Plays are Philip Johnson's comedy, "From 5.00 to 5.30," and "Me and My Diary."

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Program for the Greater Victoria music festival is in the final stages of completion. An interesting innovation this year is the invitation of guest artists to participate in evening concerts. As far as possible, these artists would be performers who have scored successes in previous festivals.

'Illustrious Legs'

Alexandra Danilova, prima ballerina and possessor of "the most illustrious legs in all ballet," lectures April 6 in John Oliver School auditorium, 41st and Fraser in Vancouver. Miss Danilova gives demonstrations in various phases of the art.

Logger Slain, Suspect Held

BURNS LAKE, B.C. (CP)—John Baptiste Prince of Burns Lake was remanded for one week when he appeared before Magistrate L. G. Saul in a preliminary hearing of a charge of murder.

Prince was charged with the slaying of a logger here Friday.

RCMP refused to release the name of the slain man or details of the case.

Formosa Forms Must Not Show

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—By police order, barmaids and waitresses in restaurants serving wine and liquor here must swap their form-fitting, long-slitted Chinese gowns for special uniforms of less allure.

The change must be made by mid-April.

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